

RESOLUTION NO. 15-510

WHEREAS, the Huntsville City Council and the Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama are apprised that Charles Edward Bradford celebrated his 90th birthday on July 12, 2015. A ceremony will be held on July 26, 2015, at Oakwood University Seventh Day Adventist Church; and,

WHEREAS, Charles Edward Bradford was born July 12, 1925, in Washington D.C. In 1896, his mother, Etta Littlejohn, was one of the first 16 students to enroll in what was then called the Oakwood School; and,

WHEREAS, Bradford is an Oakwood Adventist Academy graduate, and earned a B.A. degree in Religion from Oakwood College (now Oakwood University). Honorary Doctorate degrees were conferred on him from Andrews University, Walla Walla University and Loma Linda University. A third generation Seventh-day Adventist minister, he pastored or held evangelistic meetings in 20 cities of the USA, Canada, and Bermuda; and,

WHEREAS, in 1961, Bradford was elected President of the Lake Region Conference of SDA, and in 1979 he was elected President of the North America Division of SDA, which included the USA, Canada, and Bermuda. In this position, he chaired the NAD Board of Education K-12, Higher Education Board, the Literature Ministry Coordinating Board, and the Adventist Health System/US Board; and,

WHEREAS, Bradford is the recipient of several honors: "Man of the Year" by the American Religious Town Hall of the Air; a citation for his many years of humanitarian work by the Capital Area Division of the United Nations; and was inducted into the Martin Luther King, Jr. Board of Preachers and Scholars. He is the author of five books and numerous published articles. He has inaugurated lectureships on preaching at Columbia Union College, Atlantic Union College, Oakwood College, and HMS Richards Foundation. Bradford was a member of the Oakwood College Board for over 30 years, and was chairman of the Board from 1979-1990. A building on the Oakwood campus is named in his honor; and,

WHEREAS, Bradford is married to the former Ethel L. McKenzie and they have three adult children: Sharon Lewis, Charles Bradford, Jr. and Dwight Bradford; three grandchildren: Marquita Brown, James Lewis III, and Dwight Bradford II; and one great grandson: David Brown II.

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, gratefully acknowledge, congratulate, and extend best wishes to Charles Edward Bradford, in honor of his 90th birthday celebration. May you have continued success in all future endeavors.

ADOPTED this the 23rd day of July, 2015.

President of the City Council of
the City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the 23rd day of July, 2015.

Mayor of the City of Huntsville,
Alabama